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Public Safety

Continued Use of the Emergencies Act

- The Emergencies Act gives precision, clarity and new authorities to law enforcement -- including stopping people from coming into the city to participate in the illegal blockade.
- The Ottawa Police have clearly said the Act has given them the authority necessary to take action and protect Ottawa residents, saying "under the Emergencies Act, the Unified Command has established a Secured Area to ensure that individuals comply with the Emergency Measures Regulations and to ensure designated places are protected."
- The Emergencies Act has given police authority to lay charges, including mischief, for those who do not leave the Secured Area and are participating in the illegal blockade.
- The Act also allows for RCMP to quickly and simply enforce municipal laws, allowing them to take quick action and ensuring seamless and expedited cross-jurisdiction cooperation
- Finally, it helps law enforcement and governments mobilize essential services quickly -- like tow trucks, barriers and other necessary equipment.

If Pressed -- Ottawa Update

- For the last three weeks, restoring the peace the security in downtown Ottawa has been our priority.
- Thanks to the efforts of our law enforcement partners and the Emergencies Act, very few demonstrators remain in the downtown core.
- The secure area will continue as police work to keep the area free from unlawful demonstrations
- We are incredibly grateful for the efforts of law enforcement who have worked tirelessly to ensure that Ottawans can begin to feel safe at home once again.

Investigation on Protestor Injuries

- The Special Investigations Unit is investigating possible injuries sustained during Ottawa protests.
- Due to the ongoing investigation, no further details can be provided at this time.

Coastal GasLink Attack

- We respect everyone's right to peacefully protest in Canada; that does not include violence and intimidation.
- The RCMP is pursuing an investigation.
- We invite those who has any information about the individuals involved to contact Houston RCMP at [250-845-2204](tel:250-845-2204).

If Pressed – anti-pipeline protests

- Due to the ongoing investigation, we can not provide further comment at this time.

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Health

Messages clés

- Notre priorité absolue est d'assurer la sécurité des Canadiens, et nous travaillons avec les provinces et les territoires pour protéger nos communautés contre les épidémies de nouveaux variants de la COVID-19.
- Dans le cadre de ce travail, nous avons annoncé 53 millions de dollars pour créer une Stratégie intégrée de lutte contre les variants préoccupants, qui accroît notre suivi et notre surveillance des nouveaux variants de la COVID-19 au Canada.
- L'Agence de la santé publique du Canada est au courant des détections du variant BA.2 au Canada.
- Bien que l'impact de tous les variants continue d'être surveillé au Canada, nous savons que la vaccination avec des mesures de santé publique et individuelle est essentielle pour réduire la propagation de la COVID-19 et de ses variants.

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- We're taking a multilayered approach to keep Canadians safe, working with the provinces and territories to protect our communities from outbreaks of new COVID-19 variants.
- As part of that work, we announced \$53M to create a Variants of Concern Strategy, which has increased our monitoring and surveillance of new COVID-19 variants in Canada.
- The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is aware of the BA.2 variant in Canada.
- While the impact of all variants continues to be monitored in Canada, we know that vaccination, in combination with public health and individual measures, is key to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and its variants.

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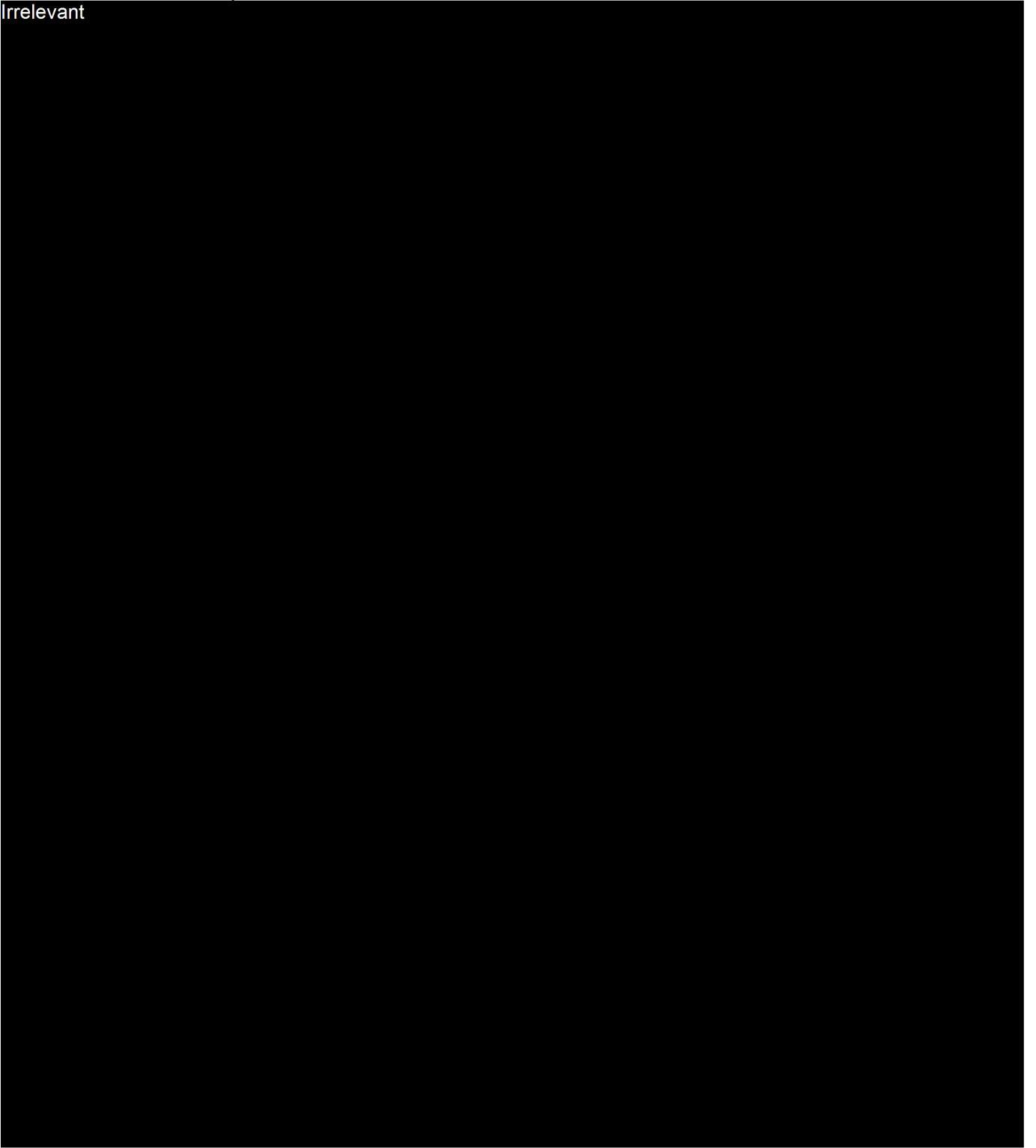
Support for journalists who have been harassed during the protests.

- Merci aux journalistes qui étaient sur place pour informer les Canadiens au cours des dernières semaines.
- Je suis troublé par les témoignages de harcèlement et d'intimidation.
- Pour la santé de notre démocratie, nos journalistes doivent pouvoir faire leur travail sans danger.

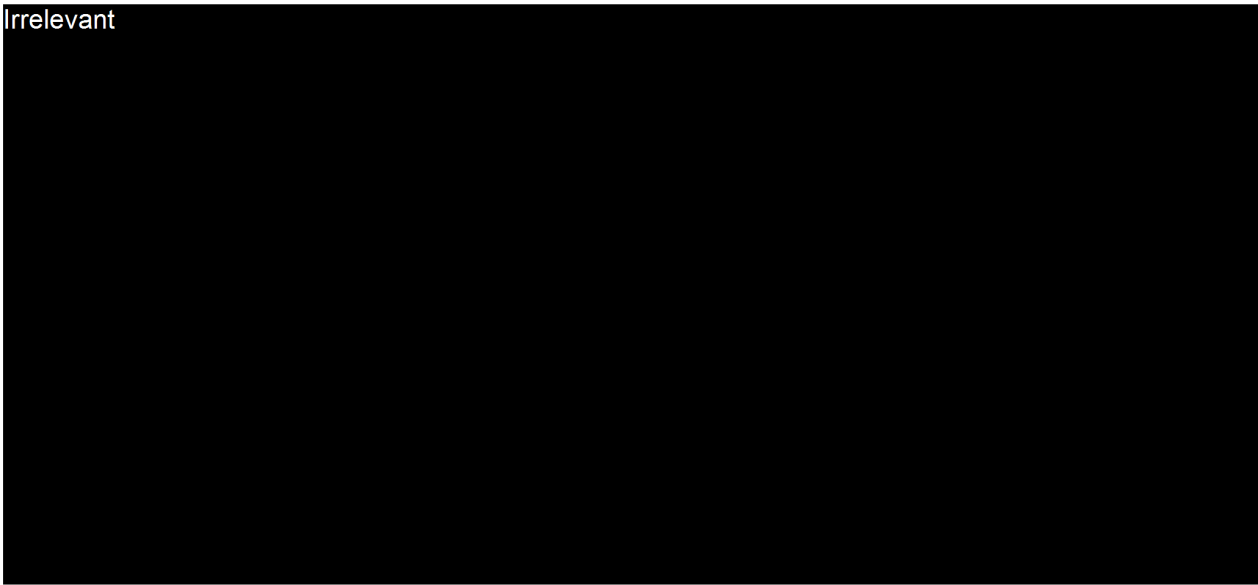
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- As we unpack the events of the past few weeks, we are thankful to journalists who showed up to report the facts to Canadians.
- I'm troubled by reports of harassment and intimidation.
- Journalists should be able to do their jobs free from harm and keep our democracy healthy

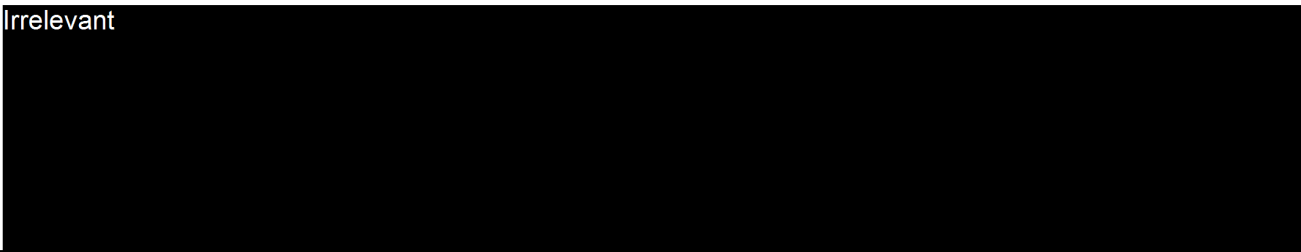
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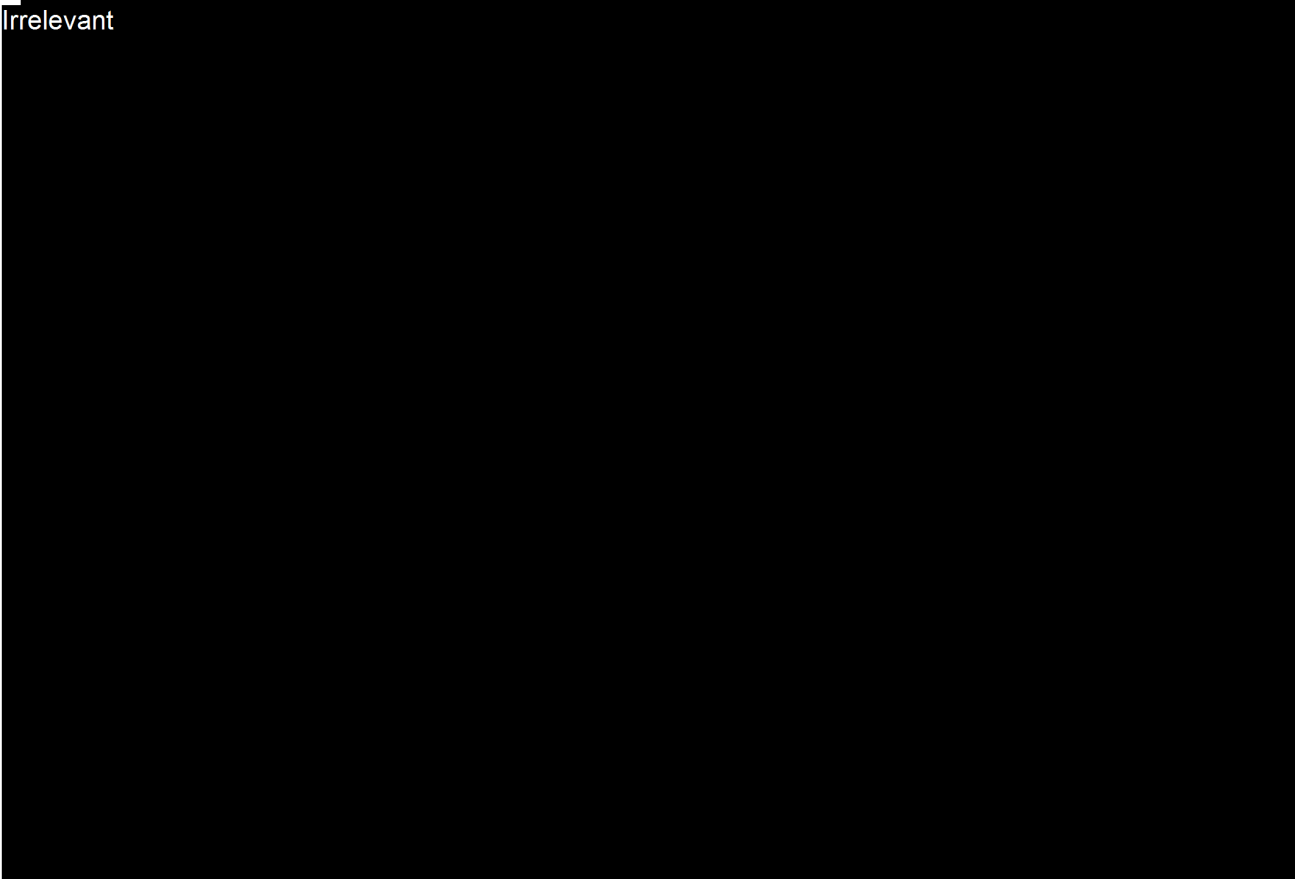
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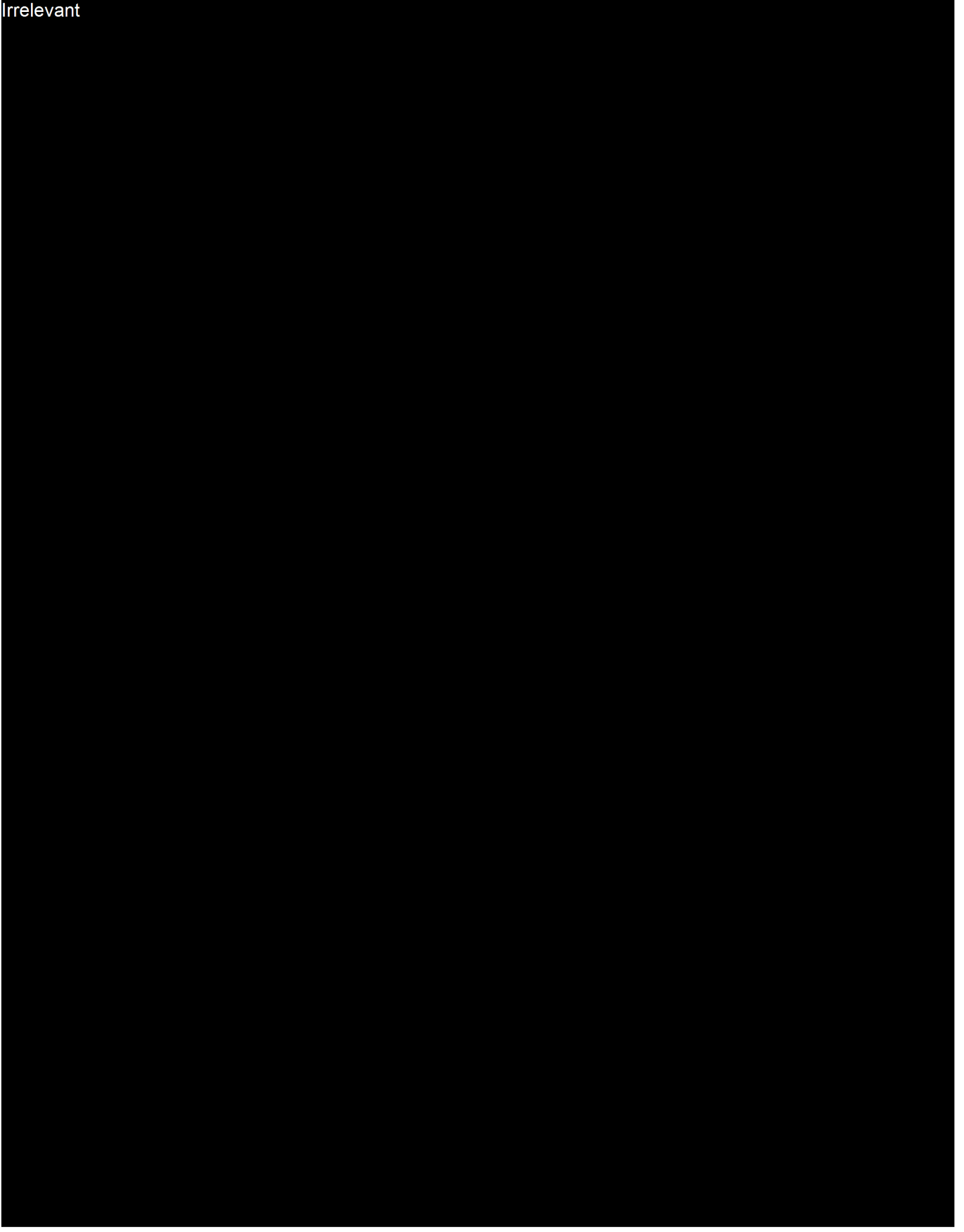
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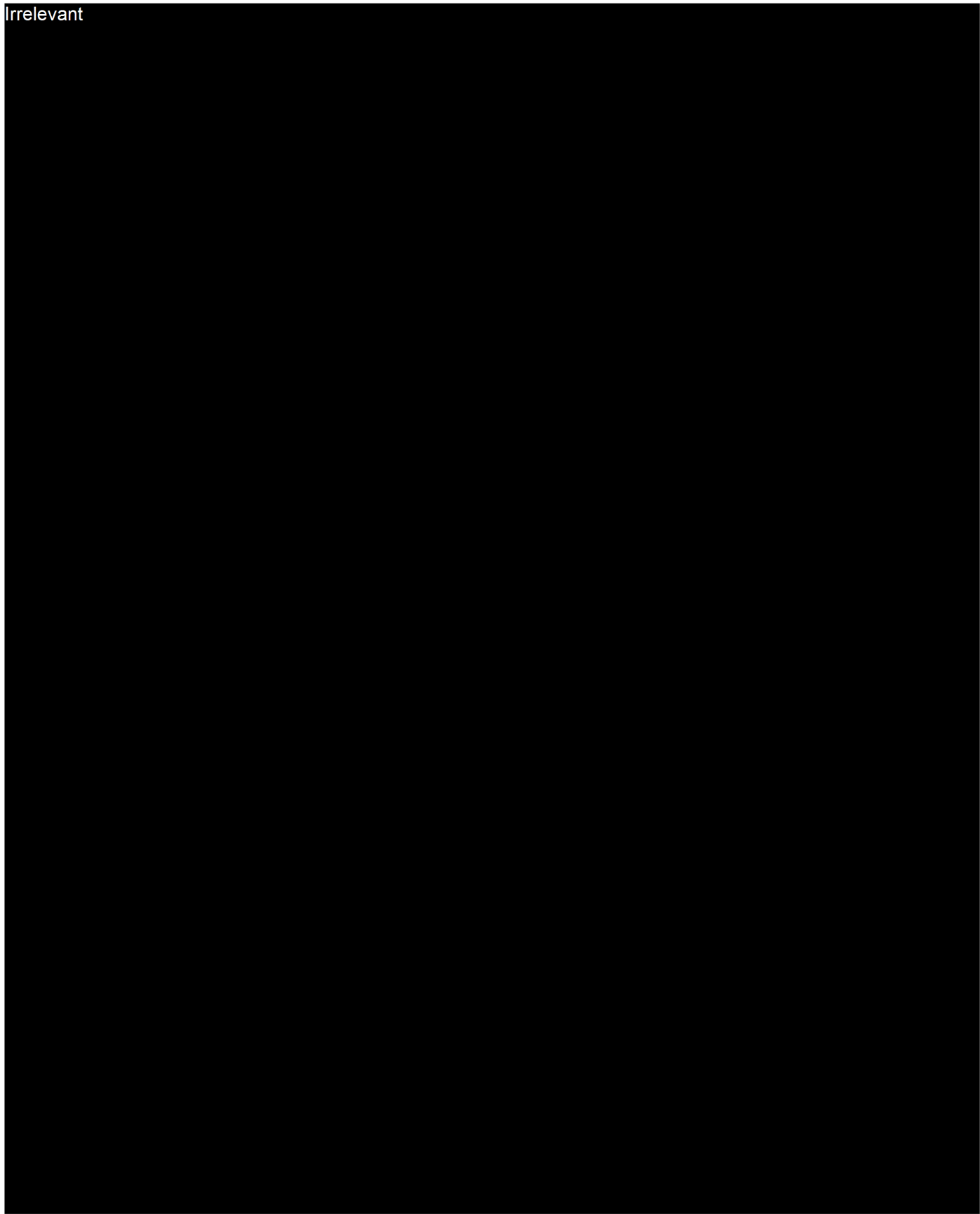
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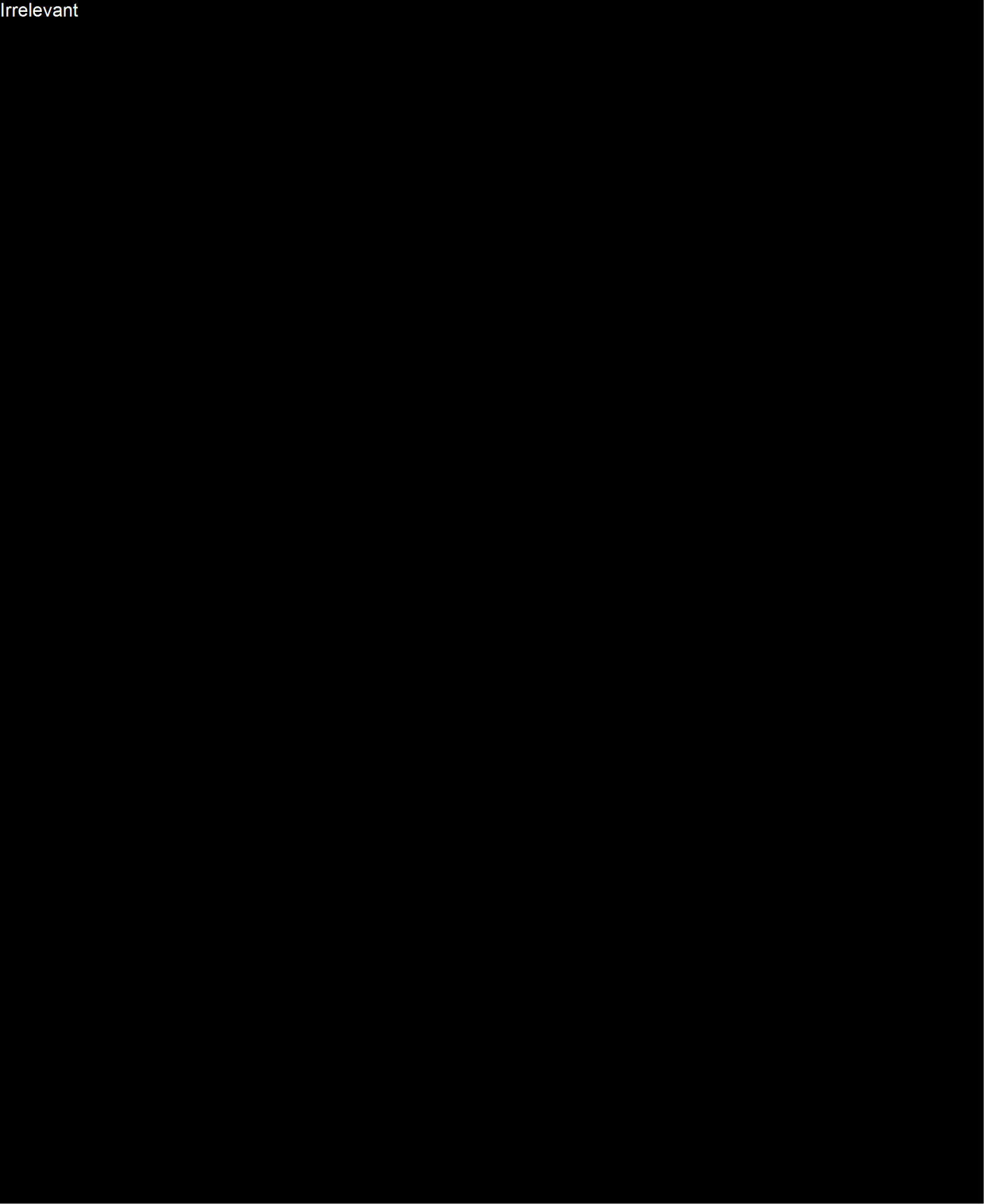
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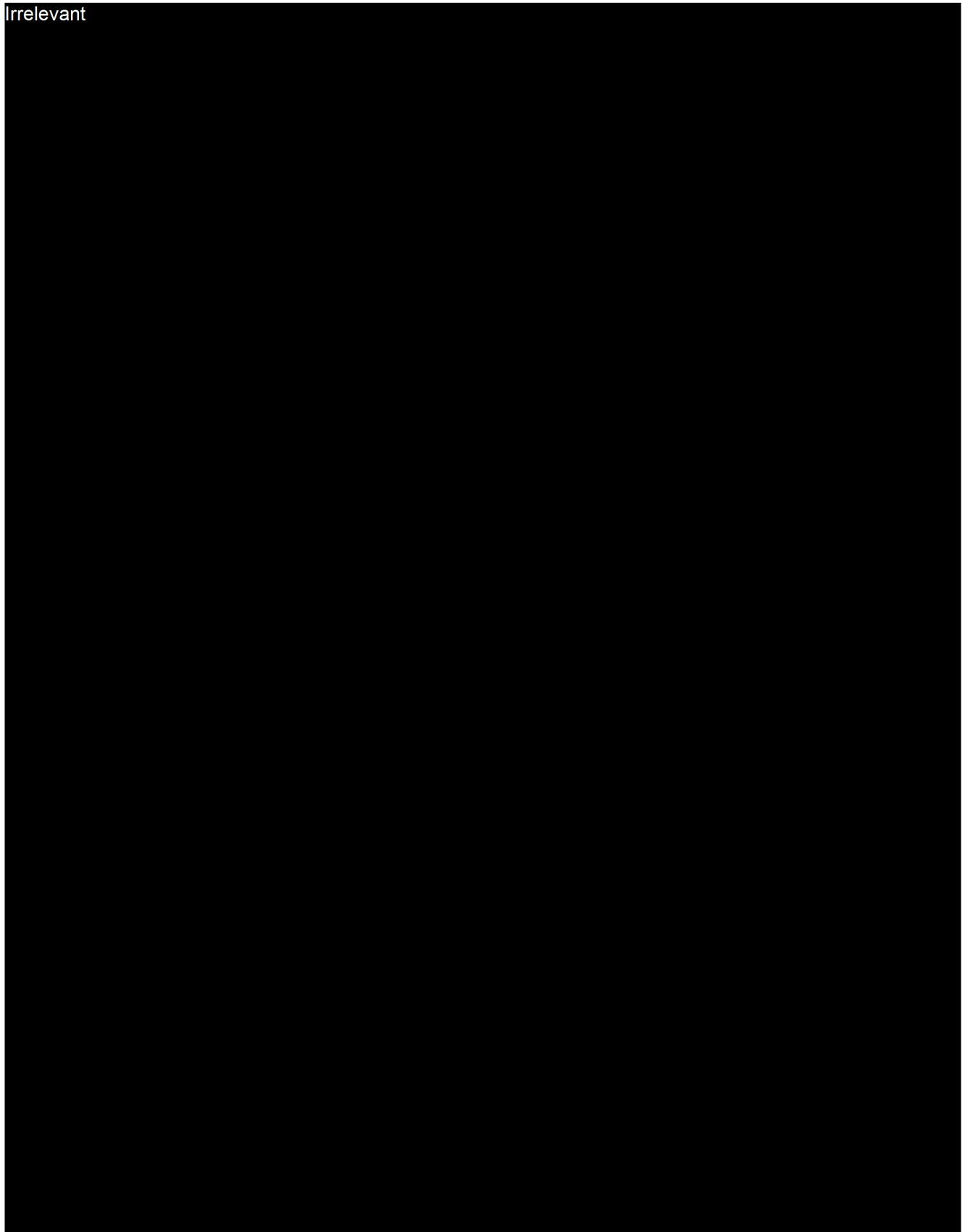
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The \$20M federal fund to help convoy-stricken businesses just 'a drop in the bucket', entrepreneurs say- Ottawa Citizen

[The \\$20M federal fund to help convoy-stricken businesses just 'a drop in the bucket', entrepreneurs say | Ottawa Citizen](#)

Two restaurants forced to close this month by the occupation of Ottawa say \$10,000 in federal payments that will be available to eligible businesses hurt by the “Freedom Convoy” would only cover small fractions of their own losses.

Federal government unveils \$20-million in funding for Ottawa businesses hurt by protests- Globe and Mail

[Federal government unveils \\$20-million in funding for Ottawa businesses hurt by protests \(infomedia.gc.ca\)](#)

Feds announce \$20 million to support Ottawa businesses impacted by downtown demonstrations-CTV

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Ottawa businesses impacted by the 'Freedom Convoy' demonstration will be eligible for \$10,000 in federal funding to help cover operating costs. The federal government has announced up to a \$20 million investment to provide "non-repayable contributions" to Ottawa businesses who have suffered losses during the three-week blockade.

- Since the outset of this pandemic our government has been there to support our small businesses.
- We have heard the growing concern from Ottawa businesses that have been impacted first hand from the demonstrations in Downtown Ottawa.
- The Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario is- providing \$20 million to support these downtown Ottawa businesses who have suffered losses.
- Through Invest Ottawa, eligible businesses will receive non-repayable contributions of up to \$10,000 to mitigate the losses caused by these demonstrations.
- More information on the application process and eligibility criteria will be available on the Invest Ottawa website in the coming weeks.
- We are aware other areas in Ontario have faced similar struggles. We will continue to monitor this.

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- Depuis le début de cette pandémie, notre gouvernement a été là pour soutenir nos petites entreprises.
- Nous avons appris que les entreprises d'Ottawa, qui ont été directement touchées par les manifestations dans le centre-ville d'Ottawa, sont de plus en plus préoccupées.

- L'Agence fédérale de développement économique pour le Sud de l'Ontario fournit 20 millions de dollars pour soutenir ces entreprises du centre-ville d'Ottawa qui ont subi des pertes.
- Par l'entremise d'Invest Ottawa, les entreprises éligibles recevront des contributions non remboursables de jusqu'à 10 000 \$ pour réduire les pertes causées par ces manifestations.
- De nouveaux renseignements sur le processus de demande et les critères d'admissibilité seront disponibles sur le site Web d'Investir Ottawa au cours des prochaines semaines.
- Nous sommes conscients du fait que d'autres régions de l'Ontario ont été touchées par des difficultés similaires. Nous examinons également cette situation.